

What is claimed is:

Subj A 1 A functional composition comprising a mixture of a plant-originated functional component (A), a finely divided tabular mineral (T) having a low hardness and cleavage, and a ceramics component (C) other than the finely divided tabular mineral (T).

2. The functional composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plant-originated functional component (A) is at least one component selected from the group consisting of a catechin, a saponin, a tea-leaf powder, a tea-leaf extract, and tannin (tannic acid).

3. The functional composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ceramics component (C) is a silica gel obtained via a hydrous silicate gel, a combination of an inorganic sintering aid and an inorganic flocculant, a combination of ceramics particles other than the finely divided tabular mineral (T), an inorganic sintering aid and an inorganic flocculant, or a water-swelling clay mineral.

4. A functional resin composition comprising a plant-originated functional component (A), a finely divided tabular mineral (T) having a low hardness and cleavage, a ceramics component (C) other than the finely divided tabular mineral (T), and a resin (R).

5. A functional molding comprising a molding of a resin (R) formulated therein with a plant-originated functional component (A), a finely divided tabular mineral (T) having a low hardness and cleavage, and a ceramics component (C) other than the finely divided tabular mineral (T).

6. The joining type functional molding as claimed in claim 5, which is a core-sheath joining type or bimetal joining type composite molding constructed of an internal component X and an external component Y, wherein resin components of the internal component X and the external component Y are each comprised of a first resin (R₁) and a second resin (R₂), the first resin (R₁) and the second resin (R₂) being a resin the same as or different from each other; and

the plant-originated functional component (A), the finely divided tabular mineral (T), and the ceramics component (C) other than the finely divided tabular mineral (T) are formulated into at least one of the first resin (R₁) of the internal component X and the second resin (R₂) of the external component Y.

7. The functional molding as claimed in claim 5, wherein the plant-originated functional component (A) and the ceramics component (C) are formulated in a state of composite particles of the both components.

8. The functional molding as claimed in claim 5, wherein the plant-originated functional component (A), the ceramics component (C) and the finely divided tabular mineral (T) are formulated in a state of composite particles of these components.

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9. The functional molding as claimed in claim 6, wherein the plant-originated functional component (A) and the ceramics component (C) are formulated in a state of composite particles of the both components.

10. The functional molding as claimed in claim 6, wherein the plant-originated functional component (A), the ceramics component (C) and the finely divided tabular mineral (T) are formulated in a state of composite particles of these components.

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